enable them to operate the new modern machinery, ensuring timely supply of quality inputs and enforcement of production norms are the important steps being taken by Government to improve the working of the Press.

**Production of Pulses**

*92. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of pulses has been declining in the country and if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the deficiencies identified for low productivity have remained unattended as a result of which the programme of making the country self-sufficient in pulses has crashed; and

(c) if so, the persons responsible for the same and what action has been taken or proposed to be taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G. S. DHILLON): (a) No, Sir. Figures relating to the production of Pulses for the last three years are given below. These show that the production is not declining.

| Year | Production (in million tonnes) |
|---|---|
| 1984-85 | 11.96 |
| 1985-86 | 12.97 |
| 1986-87 (Estimated) | 13.00 |

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

**Development of Bihar Sharif City**

*93. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the cities in Bihar for which development scheme have been formulated by Government and the amount allocated for the purpose;

(b) whether the condition of Bihar Sharif city which is also the headquarters of Nalanda district is deplorable; and

(c) whether Government propose to formulate any development programme for this city and if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha, (*See* below)

(b) and (c) Bihar was allocated six new towns under the Scheme of Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns, during the Seventh Five Year Plan. The State Government indicated their priority for 6 towns and these have been covered under the Scheme. They have, however, now formulated a project for the development of Bihar Sharif town also.

The details of the project, as indicated by the State Government, are as under:—

| | Rs. in lakhs |
|---|---|
| 1 Municipal market at Laheri Mohalla | 9.00 |
| 2. Road Schemes | 19.17 |
| 3. But station complex | 56.56 |
| 4. Low cost sanitation | 21.92 |
| Total: | 106.65 |

In case, on a mid-term review of the Seventh Five Year Plan, additional funds are allocated for the I.D.S.M.T. Scheme, coverage of Bihar Sharif town under the Scheme could be considered.